telecast/re-telecast adertisements, which are found to be in violation of the Code. This is a continuous process.

Protest against the policy on cable network

3961. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cable operators resorted to strike by stopping their services in metropolitan cities recently in protest against the Government's policy on cable network;

(b) if so, the details of their main grievances; and

(c) the steps being taken to resolve the issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Government is not aware of the strike by the cable operators in any metropolitan city as a protest against the policy on cable networks.

Advertisements through media

3962. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministries and the Departments are issuing advertisements through media for various occasions; and

(b) if so, the details including the amount spent for such advertisements for the last three years, year-wise, Ministry/Department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) is nodal agency for production and release of all display advertisements of the Government of India through the media of press, posters, folders, calendars, blotters, leaflets, holdings, cinema slides, etc. and also release of classified advertisements on behalf of the Government of India.

The details of amount spent on advertisements released through DAVP for the last three years, are given in the Statement.